JOSHI): (a) According to information received from Government of Karnataka, all the 40336 Government and 3382 aided primary schools in Karnataka have been covered under the Midday Meal Scheme during 1998-99.

(b) Does not arise.

उच्च शिक्षा पर कर

375. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिनांक 10 जून, 1997 के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में "उच्च शिक्षा पर कर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा.मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : (क) और (ख) अभी तक सरकार ने ऐसा कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Grant given to Netaji Research Bureau

376. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1996, the Central Government have given a grant of Rs. 6,25,00,000 (Rupees six crores and twenty five lakhs) to the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the specific purpose for sanctioning this grant; and

(c) whether the Bureau has prepared and submitted any blue-print of the work prepared with this money and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Government of India had in 1996 received a Plan toghether with cost estimates and Architects drawings of the proposed preservation, alterations, additions & new construction of Netaji Bhawan Complex from the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta. However, the Government of India had sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore) only during 1996-97 towards corpus fund of the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta. In the Order sanctioning the amount, it was made clear that Netajji Research Bureau would utilize the interest accruing from the corpus fund solely towards the maintenance expenditure of the Bureau. The Order does not in any way permit the utilization of the corpus fund by the Bureau.

UGC schemes for coaching classes

377. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagpur University in Maharashtra is implementing the UGC schemes for coaching classes for Civil Services and other examinations held by UPSC and State PSCs for SC, ST and minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how may SC, ST and minority candidates after getting coaching from the said University were successful in different competitive examinations during the last three years with year-wise details;

(d) whether UGC scheme has succeeded in the University; and

(e) if not, the remedial steps proposed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Strike by Delhi University Teachers

378. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers of Delhi University have been on strike even during examination days;

(b) if so, the action proposed against ignoring duties towards the students and to the nation; and

(c) in what manner the situation is proposed to be tackled?